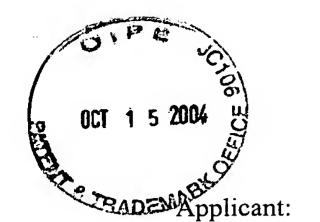


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Applicant respectfully inquires as to the status of the above-identified application.

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